October 13, 1964

Honorable A. N. Spanel
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Dear Mr. Spanel:

I have read your article, "When Tragedy Distilled Statesmanship," which appeared in the October 13th issue of "The Washington Post" and want to send you this note to express my sincere thanks. All of us in the FBI certainly appreciate your timely and complimentary remarks.

Your support means a great deal to my associates and me and we are most grateful.

I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, one copy each of my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which I have autographed to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Spanel was the subject of an Internal Security-France and IS-R investigation in 1953 after we received a report he was associated with communist sympathizers. Investigation disclosed he married a Miss Lieb who was a contributor to "New Masses" and a communist sympathizer. Several sources indicated he was pro Soviet but others indicated otherwise. He is not a member of the Communist Party and on occasions has publishe lengthy advertisements in newspapers of anti-communist nature. We have had no prior correspondence with him.

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